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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 128455

FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNSC, IR, XF, LE, IS, MARR, PEPR

SUBJECT: IRANIAN ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING UNIFIL

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2. WHILE HOVEYDA'S CLARIFICATION INDICATES THAT THE IRANIAN CONTINGENT WILL DO ITS DUTY, THE PUBLIC STATEMENT CANNOT BUT HAVE AN UNFORTUNATE EFFECT ON OTHER TROOP CONTRIBUTING GOVERNMENTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONVEYING TO FOREIGN MINISTER--AND TO SHAH IF YOU THINK IT USEFUL--OUR CONCERN AT STATEMENT THAT IMPLIES IRANIANS ARE NOT WILLING TO DO THEIR PART TO CARRY OUT MANDATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT FRENCH, SENEGALESE, AND NORWEGIANS HAVE SUSTAINED CASUALTIES IN PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES, AND THEIR DETERMINATION TO REMAIN HAS NOT FALTERED. WE ARE CERTAIN IRAN WOULD BE EQUALLY AS STEADFAST IN A CRISIS. HOWEVER, STATEMENTS SUCH AS THE ONE IN QUESTION CAN ONLY WEAKEN THE RESOLVE OF OTHER TROOP CONTRIBUTORS, AND COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE UNRAVELING OF UNIFIL.

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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 128455 ACTION TEHRAN INFO AMMAN, BEIRUT,  
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